

What is claimed is:

1. A method for lithographic printing comprising using a self-dampening lithographic ink composition comprising a glycerol; a nonionic surfactant having a hydrophilic/lipophilic balance of about 8 to about 20; and water.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the self-dampening printing ink composition comprises glycerol in an amount of up to about 10 percent by weight; a nonionic surfactant having a hydrophilic/lipophilic balance of about 8 to about 20 in an amount of about 0.25 percent by weight to about 2 percent by weight; and water in an amount of about 20 to about 50 percent by weight, wherein the weight percentages are based on a total weight of the printing ink composition.